

**Cemetery Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, October 18, 2021 1:00 PM**

**Highland Cemetery and Lyme Historians**

Minutes

Present: Jay Cary, Michael Hinsley, Laurie Wadsworth, Trustees; Bill LaBombard, Sexton  
guest: Julia Elder

1. Trustees met briefly with Bill LaBombard outside the shed at Highland. We unanimously, but regretfully, accepted Bill's resignation as Sexton, a job he has held for the past 31 years. Bill had served this Town with dignity, compassion and kindness. Bill reiterated that he put new locks on the shed doors; one key is in his other truck, and the second key is at the Town Office. He also explained that former Trustee Jean Smith had the plot map, now mounted under glass on the table in the shed, done by a civil engineer.
2. Julia Elder came to ask permission to donate a plaque near the maple tree that was planted in honor of the Morningstar Grange, in memory of her mother, Margaret Balch. (The tree is at the triangular junction between the entrance road and the center road.) This donated marker will be very simple, with simply "Morningstar Grange 2001" mounted in such a way that it can be moved as necessary. We unanimously approved this proposal.

Trustees then moved indoors to the Museum Office at the Lyme Historians.

3. We discussed various ideas for honoring Bill, but decided to leave that up to the Town. We looked again at the Sexton's job description which we had drafted in the winter, and made several changes. Feeling uncomfortable about finalizing anything yet, we tabled that discussion for future consideration.

We voted to accept the new Regulations and lot price list. Laurie will send them to the town offices to be shared with the Select Board and posted on the Town website.

Adjourned 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Wadsworth, Chair and Secretary

# CEMETERY REGULATIONS

## Lyme, NH

All cemeteries in Lyme are owned and maintained by the Town of Lyme, under the purview and supervision of the Sexton and the Cemetery Trustees. There are currently three Trustees, who are elected on a rotating schedule.

### Purchase of lots

1. Lots are available to residents currently living in Lyme, or former residents upon approval of the Cemetery Trustees.
2. Lots may not be transferred from one individual to another, but shall be released to the Cemetery Trustees in writing.
3. A lot shall be used only for the interment of the applicant and/or members of the immediate family.
4. Allocation of all lots, including those in special sections, will be made by the Sexton, and generally be assigned in sequence.
5. Once the Sexton has assigned the lot, the applicant will make payment and supply basic information to the Town Clerk, where the information will be entered into the database. See price list.
6. All interments, to include vaulted and unvaulted burials, and cremation remains, shall be under the supervision of the Sexton and the Cemetery Trustees.

### Cremations, Memorial Garden and Unvaulted Burials

#### Cremations:

Cremation lots are available in 4' by 4' lots. They may contain up to two cremation remains, but may have only one headstone, 2 feet wide by 2 feet high by 1 foot deep.

#### Memorial Garden:

This fenced area is available for placement of flush markers, placed by family or friends, of former Lyme residents who are buried elsewhere. Flush markers are 16x8x2, and are included in the lot fee. (See price list.) Lettering will be paid by the purchaser. All markers must be placed with permission of the Sexton and approval by the Cemetery Trustees.

#### Unvaulted Burials

1. Requests for new unvaulted burials must be made when the lot is purchased, or by permission of the Cemetery Trustees. If a family member is buried in a previously purchased lot, people may request an unvaulted burial in the same lot.
2. New unvaulted burials will be permitted in those areas designated by the Cemetery Trustees.
3. Unvaulted remains must be in caskets or shrouds capable of being decomposed or biodegraded by bacteria or other living organisms. Metals (except nails), glues, resins, plastics and other synthetics that are not biodegradable are not permitted.

### Monuments, headstones, markers

1. All burials are required to have a permanent identifying marker, either upright or flat, on the burial lot. "Coping" and other decorative markings are not allowed.
2. All headstones require a cement foundation with a minimum four-inch margin on all sides.
3. Cornerstones are required for each lot, and are the responsibility of the lot purchaser, to be placed within six months of the purchase. Otherwise, they will be set in place by the Cemetery Trustees, with a bill sent to the owner of the plot.
4. The Cemetery Trustees reserve the right of rejection of all headstones and monuments that are deemed inappropriate or offensive.

### Use of the Cemeteries

1. No bicycles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, off-highway recreational vehicles are allowed on cemetery property. Horse-drawn carts, carriages or wagons may be used for ceremonies with the permission of the Sexton or Cemetery Trustees.
2. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, and dog-walkers must dispose of all refuse off site. The Town provides neither bags nor trash removal.

### Plantings and decorations

1. The Cemetery Trustees will oversee maintenance, including treatments of infestations, and landscaping in all areas of the cemeteries.
2. No shrubs, trees or perennials may be planted by individuals; all plantings are under the purview of the Cemetery Trustees only, who are always open to suggestions. Annuals may be planted, but only with the concurrence of the Sexton or Cemetery Trustees. The Cemetery Trustees have the right to remove any plantings that they deem to be unsightly, diseased, detrimental or planted without permission.

3. All graveside decorations, containers, vases and floral designs, both real and artificial, must be removed by November first, or they will be removed by the Cemetery Trustees. Christmas decorations must be removed by April 15th.

3. Dumping of all trash, including live and artificial flowers or Christmas wreaths, is not permitted on Cemetery grounds, or in the trees which surround it, or down the banks on any of the four sides.

Adopted by the Cemetery Trustees 2021

Jay Cary

Michael Hinsley

Laurie Wadsworth

**APPLICATION FOR  
CEMETERY LOT  
Lyme, NH**

*Prices effective as of Jan. 1, 2022*

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ resident of Lyme                  \_\_\_\_\_ former resident of Lyme

<u>LOT SIZE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRICE</u> <i>effective 1/1/2022</i>
4 ft. x 12 ft.	Accommodates 1 interment , or 4 cremation remains. Lots may be purchased in multiples of 2, 3, or 4 @ \$200 each	\$200.00
4 ft. x 12 ft.	Unvaulted burials: additional charge for maintenance	\$100.00
4 ft. x 4 ft.	Accommodates up to 2 cremation remains	\$100.00
2 ft. x 2 ft.	Spaces in Memorial Garden for flush stone marker, 16 in. x 8 in. x 2 in. (No burial.) Stone marker included in the price; engraving paid by purchaser	\$50.00

*I hereby agree to follow the Lyme Cemetery regulations.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Lot:    Vaulted burial                  Unvaulted burial                  Cremation                  Memorial Garden

Lot # \_\_\_\_\_          Amount due: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Sexton: \_\_\_\_\_

Pd/date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list names of those to be buried in each lot on the reverse of this paper:**

Names of those to be buried or remembered:

**Lot #** \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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Names of those to be buried or remembered:

**Lot #** \_\_\_\_\_

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